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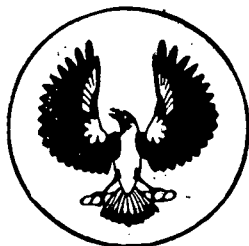
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STATEMENT

from the Premier

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THREAT TO FOUR CYLINDER ENGINE PLANT.

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today criticised Federal Government threats to pull out of the proposed consortium for a four cylinder engine plant in South Australia.

Mr. Dunstan said such a move would be a bad deal for South Australia and a tremendous blow to the motor car industry in the State.

"It is nonsense to say that the engines could be produced in other existing plants. There is no provision for the production of four cylinder engines in other plants, and to tool up for such a plant will require some additional capacity.

"The consortium proposed was to use existing unused capacity at Chrysler, together with a minimum of necessary extra equipment.

"If we do not get the Japanese four cylinder engine plant we have no real prospects of small car manufacture in Australia and that will mean disaster for our componentry manufacturers, since the demand for middle range and larger cars is falling.

"As a New Year gift to South Australia, what is apparently proposed by the Federal Government, is the gift of growing unemployment and declining industrial demand for its product".